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IN RE APPLICATION OF

RUDOLF PFAENDNER

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed within the shortened statutory period for response to the Office action mailed on October 23, 2003.

The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the amendments by the Examiner although submitted after Final Rejection. The amendments submitted herewith focus the subject matter of the claims, will simplify examination, and better place the claims in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee due, or credit any overcharge, as a result of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend to read as follows on page 28, lines 9-12.

Example B

In general analogy to Example A, a ~~polyethylene/acrylic acid/butyl acrylate~~ ethylene/acrylic acid/acrylate (Lucalen ® A 3110 MS, of BASF) is extruded with 2% of 2,3-epoxypropyl 3,5-bis(1,1-dimethylethyl)-4-hydroxy-benzenepropionate.